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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 28 January 1995. The Preparatory Committee held five plenary meetings (1st to 5th). Working Group I held 19 meetings and Working Group II held 4 meetings and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, who made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

3. The following States were represented: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

4. The following units and programmes of the United Nations were represented: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, International Monetary Fund

(IMF), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

6. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Commission of the European Communities, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Latin American Economic System (SELA), League of Arab States, Organization of African Unity and South Pacific Commission.

7. A number of non-governmental organizations also attended the session.

C. Officers

8. The officers, who had been elected by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session, remained:

Chairman: Juan Somavía (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Australia, Cameroon, Denmark (ex officio), India, Indonesia, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland and Zimbabwe.

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 16 January, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/24. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2 of the Preparatory Committee.

3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development:

   (a) Trust Fund;

   (b) Public information programme.

4. Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action.

5. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development.

6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

10. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved its organization of work as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/L.24.

11. Also at the 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee established two working groups to consider item 4 of the agenda and designated the Chairman, Mr. Juan Somavía (Chile), Chairman of Working Group I and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Koos Richelle (Netherlands), Chairman of Working Group II.

12. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee agreed to grant observer status to the Inter-American Development Bank, an intergovernmental organization.

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 18 January, the Preparatory Committee agreed to grant observer status to the following additional intergovernmental organizations: Asian Development Bank and South Pacific Commission.

E. Documentation

14. The documents before the Preparatory Committee are listed in annex II.

II. ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION SET OUT IN DECISION 2 OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

15. The Preparatory Committee considered item 2 of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 16 January 1995. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations (A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.2 and 3).

16. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of China, Tunisia and Cuba, the Preparatory Committee decided to accredit those non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.2 and 3 to participate in the Summit and its preparatory process, with the exception of the Unrepresented Nations and People's Organization (see annex I, decision 3/1).

III. STATUS OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

17. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 1st meeting, on 16 January 1995. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat containing an update of the preparatory activities undertaken by the secretariat of the Summit since September 1994 (A/CONF.166/PC/25);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Symposium on Social Development, held in Beijing from 7 to 9 October 1994 (A/CONF.166/PC/26);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Seminar on the Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress, held in Bled, Slovenia, from 28 to 30 October 1994 (A/CONF.166/PC/27).

18. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

IV. OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTION

19. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 3rd and 5th meetings, on 23 and 28 January 1995. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General containing a draft declaration and draft programme of action of the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/L.22) and a note by the Secretary-General transmitting contributions of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/20/Add.12-19).

20. At the 3rd meeting, on 23 January, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee made a statement. A statement was also made by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Koos Richelle (Netherlands).

21. At the same meeting, the representative of the Philippines made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

22. At the 5th meeting, on 28 January, the Preparatory Committee had before it documents A/CONF.166/PC/WP.2 and Add.1 and A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.5 and Add.1-3, containing revised versions of the draft declaration and draft programme of action on the basis of consultations held in Working Groups I and II, as well as informal papers containing amendments thereto.

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Belize, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), India, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Egypt, Algeria, Zimbabwe, China, Guatemala, Myanmar and Andorra and the observer for the Holy See. The Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Richelle (Netherlands), also made a statement.

24. The Preparatory Committee then approved the draft declaration and draft programme of action, contained in documents A/CONF.166/PC/WP.2 and Add.1 and A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.5 and Add.1-3, and the informal papers containing amendments thereto, as orally amended during the discussion, and decided to transmit them, together with additional proposals, to the Summit for further consideration and adoption (see annex I, decision 3/2).

25. During the discussion, the representative of the United States of America expressed reservations on commitment 8, subparagraph (l), of the draft

declaration and on paragraph 79 (c) of the draft programme of action. The United Stated delegation also indicated that it would provide proposals on some of the outstanding issues.

26. Also during the discussion, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran stated that the following points should be taken into consideration at the Summit:

(a) There were a large number of ideas in the draft document that were judgemental in nature and that had legal implications for States;

(b) No language in the document should be contrary to the language in the Charter of the United Nations;

(c) The draft declaration and draft programme of action of the Summit should take into account the economic, social and environmental diversity of conditions in each country, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values, cultural backgrounds and philosophical convictions of its people. (This statement was based on paragraph 1.11 of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.)

27. The delegation of Peru expressed the view that the language utilized in the draft declaration and draft programme of action for the Summit, adopted ad referendum, did not contradict the right to life from the moment of conception as established and protected by the Constitution of Peru.

V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

28. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 2nd and 4th meetings, on 18 and 27 January 1995.

29. At the 2nd meeting, on 18 January, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

30. At the same meeting, statements on the organization of work of the Summit were made by the representatives of Denmark, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the United States of America, Japan, Uganda, Egypt, Canada, Yemen, Senegal, Costa Rica, Brazil, Venezuela, Belize, Algeria, Zimbabwe and Burundi.

31. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to questions raised during the discussion.

32. At the 4th meeting, on 27 January, the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz (Poland), introduced a draft decision (A/CONF.166/PC/L.26), entitled "Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

33. Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the United States of America, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Canada, Kenya, Tunisia, Algeria, Bulgaria, Brazil, Belize, Madagascar, Bangladesh and the Sudan.

34. At the same meeting, the Chairman and the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development responded to questions raised.

35. The Preparatory Committee then adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see annex I, decision 3/3).

36. Statements on technical arrangements for the Summit were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Egypt, the Philippines (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Belize, Denmark, Algeria, Sri Lanka and Kenya, as well as by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

37. Also at the 4th meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided that 27 Vice-Presidents would be elected to the Summit, under rule 6 of the rules of procedure (for the text of the decision, see annex I, decision 3/4).

VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

38. At its 5th meeting, on 28 January 1995, following statements by the representatives of Kenya, Mongolia, Suriname and Gabon and the observer for the Holy See, the Preparatory Committee adopted its draft report, as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/L.25.

ANNEX I

Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its third session

3/1. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2 of the Preparatory Committee

At its 1st meeting, on 16 January 1995, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decided to approve the non-governmental organizations listed in documents A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.2 and 3 to participate in the Summit and its preparatory process, with the exception of the Unrepresented Nations and People's Organization.

3/2. Draft declaration and draft programme of action

At its 5th meeting, on 28 January 1995, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development approved the draft declaration and draft programme of action, contained in documents A/CONF.166/PC/WP.2 and Add.1 and A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.5 and Add.1-3, and the informal papers containing amendments thereto, as orally amended during the discussion, and decided to transmit them, together with additional proposals, to the Summit for further consideration and adoption.

3/3. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Recalls General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, by which the Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government;

(b) Takes into account General Assembly resolution 48/100 of 20 December 1993, by which the Assembly recalled the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, to convene the Summit at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, preceded by a meeting of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments, from 6 to 10 March 1995;

(c) Notes that, in accordance with rule 46 of its rules of procedure, the Summit may establish a main committee, as required;

(d) Recommends that oral statements to be presented during the Summit not exceed seven minutes, it being understood that full-length statements may be circulated in writing;

(e) Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have contributed to the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General to mobilize voluntary contributions in support of the preparations for the Summit and calls upon all States, public and private organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Trust Fund to facilitate the fullest participation from the least developed countries in the Summit;

(f) Recommends that the Summit adopt the provisional agenda and organization of work annexed to the present decision.

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Inaugural ceremony.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.*
7. Credentials of representatives to the Summit:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General exchange of views.
9. Meeting of heads of State or Government.
10. Adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development.
11. Adoption of the report of the Summit.

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* The Chairman of the Main Committee would be elected by the plenary; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman would be elected by the Main Committee.

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 6-12 MARCH 1995

For purposes of the organization of work contained in the appendix below, the following guidelines will apply:

(a) Statements to be presented through 6-12 March will be limited to seven minutes. Longer statements may be circulated in writing. Each Government may present two statements during the Summit;

(b) During the period 6-10 March, a general exchange of views will be held at which personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments may make statements. Executive heads of agencies of the United Nations system, as well as representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, may also present statements in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Summit;

(c) It is suggested that statements to be delivered during the general exchange of views on each day place special emphasis on specific themes, as outlined in the work schedule below, it being understood that, notwithstanding such themes, speakers may address in their statements any of the topics on the Summit's agenda;*

(d) On 1 February 1995, the Secretariat will open a list of speakers for the general exchange of views (6-10 March) and for the meeting of heads of State or Government (11-12 March);

(e) When inscribing themselves on the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (6-10 March), speakers should indicate the (thematic) session at which they would like to present their statement;

(f) On 11 and 12 March, statements will normally be presented by heads of State or Government on the basis of a speaker's list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established procedure;

(g) Normal meeting hours for the Summit will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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* It is understood that the schedule will, by necessity, be adjusted in accordance with the requests registered by the Secretariat.

Appendix

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

(a) 6 March, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(i) Inaugural ceremony

(ii) Adoption of the agenda of the Summit*

(iii) Opening of the general exchange of views

(b) 6 March, 3 to 6 p.m.

Continuation of the general exchange of views

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 6 March:

"An enabling environment for social development"

(c) 7 March, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Continuation of the general exchange of views

3 to 6 p.m.

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 7 March:

"Eradication of poverty"

(d) 8 March

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 8 March (International Women's Day):

"Gender perspective: enhancing the participation of women in social progress and development"

(e) 9 March

Suggested theme for the general exchange of views on 9 March:

"Productive employment and the reduction of unemployment"

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* Including establishment of the Main Committee to resolve any outstanding issues. The Main Committee will conduct its work, as required, during the period 6-10 March parallel to the general exchange of views.

(f) 10 March

Suggested themes for the general exchange of views on 10 March:

"Social integration"

"Implementation and follow-up"

(g) 11 March, 10 to 11 a.m.

Welcoming ceremony for heads of State or Government

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3 to 6 p.m.

Statements by heads of State or Government

(h) 12 March, 10 a.m.* to 1 p.m.
3 to 6 p.m.

Statements by heads of State or Government

7 to 9 p.m.

Adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and of the report of the Summit. Closing statements.

3/4. Election of Vice-Presidents to the World Summit for Social Development

At its 4th meeting, on 27 January 1995, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decided that twenty-seven Vice-Presidents would be elected to the Summit, under rule 6 of the rules of procedure, of which seven would be from African States, six from Asian States, three from Eastern European States, five from Latin American and Caribbean States and six from Western European and other States.

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* The morning meeting on 12 March may be held at 9 a.m. if the number of statements to be delivered on that day so warrants.

ANNEX II

Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its third session

Symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.166/PC/11/ Add.2 and 3	2	Note by the Secretariat on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations
A/CONF.166/PC/20/ Add.12-19	4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting contributions of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development
A/CONF.166/PC/24	1	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.166/PC/25	3	Note by the Secretariat containing an update of the preparatory activities undertaken by the secretariat of the Summit since September 1994
A/CONF.166/PC/26	3	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Symposium on Social Development, held in Beijing from 7 to 9 October 1994
A/CONF.166/PC/27	3	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Seminar on the Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress, held in Bled, Slovenia, from 28 to 30 October 1994
A/CONF.166/PC/L.22	4	Note by the Secretary-General containing a draft declaration and draft programme of action of the World Summit for Social Development
A/CONF.166/PC/L.23 and Add.1	1	Note by the Secretariat on the participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Preparatory Committee and the Summit
A/CONF.166/PC/L.24	1	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the session
A/CONF.166/PC/L.25	6	Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development on its third session

Symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.166/PC/L.26	5	Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz (Poland), on the basis of informal consultations
A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.4 and Add.1	4	Report of the consultative group to Working Group I
A/CONF.166/PC/CRP.5 and Add.1-3	4	Report of the consultative group to Working Group II
A/CONF.166/PC/WP.2 and Add.1	4	Draft declaration and chapter V of the draft programme of action

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